

REMARKS

The Decision on Appeal dated August 25, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto.

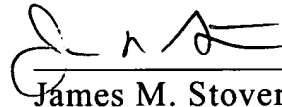
The foregoing amendment requests the cancellation of claims 1 through 10 and 12 through 17. Only claim 11 remains in the present application.

In the Final Official Action dated January 3, 2002, claim 11 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of canceled claim 7, from which claim 11 formerly depended.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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